

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
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As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

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We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission as of June 30, 2009 and the related statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission did not adopt the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No 34 for the year ended June 30, 2009. The effects of this departure from generally accepted accounting principles has not been determined.



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ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2009

	Governmental Fund General Fund	Account Group General Fixed Assets	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS			
Assets			
Cash	\$20,748	\$0	\$20,748
Machinery and equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>6,067</u>	<u>6,067</u>
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>\$20,748</u>	<u>\$6,067</u>	<u>\$26,815</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equity and Other Credits:			
Investment in general fixed assets	0	6,067	6,067
Fund Balance:			
Unreserved and undesignated	<u>20,748</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,748</u>
Total Equity and Other Credits	<u>20,748</u>	<u>6,067</u>	<u>26,815</u>
Total Liabilities, Equity, and Other Credits	<u>\$20,748</u>	<u>\$6,067</u>	<u>\$26,815</u>

See accountants' compilation report and the accompanying notes.

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND-GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year Ended June 30, 2009

REVENUES

Intergovernmental Revenues:

State appropriation	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$95,000</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>100,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>

EXPENDITURES

Administrative services	27,000	22,238	4,762
Professional services	70,130	61,232	8,898
Other	<u>15,507</u>	<u>3,419</u>	<u>12,088</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>112,637</u>	<u>86,889</u>	<u>25,748</u>

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(12,637)	8,111	20,748
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FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>12,637</u>	<u>12,637</u>	<u>0</u>
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FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,748</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,748</u></u>
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See accountants' compilation report and the accompanying notes.

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2009

INTRODUCTION

The Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission was created by Act No. 288 of the State of Louisiana Legislature on June 11, 1992. The purpose of the Commission is to serve as the managing agency of the Zachary Taylor Parkway District and to be the official repository for information relating to and about the promotion and public education of the planning and designing of the Zachary Taylor Parkway. The district comprises the geographical territory of the parishes of Avoyelles, East Feliciana, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Helena, Washington, West Feliciana, and that portion of Tangipahoa which lies north of Louisiana Highway 40.

The Commission is composed of members from each of the parishes that comprise the district. Each parish also has an alternate member appointed to the Commission who is allowed to vote in the absence of the appointed member. Members to the Commission are appointed by the governing body of the parish they represent and are required to be a registered voter and cannot be a member of the parish's governing body.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units, with exception that as referred to in the compilation report, the commission did not adopt the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As an independent district created by the State of Louisiana, the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission is considered to be a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2009

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. REPORTING ENTITY (continued)

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This Criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. *The ability of the Commission to impose its will on that organization and/or*
 - b. *The potential for the organization to provide specific financial burdens on the Commission.*
2. Organizations for which the Commission does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Commission.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

The Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission is an independent district, created by State Statute, covering an eight-parish territory. The members to the Commission are appointed by the governing authority of the parish they represent and each of the parishes in the District appoint one member and one alternate member to the Commission. However, no parish authority exercises control over the Commission, nor is the Commission fiscally dependent on any parish authority. Based on the above criterion, the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission was determined not to be a component unit of any organization or to be the oversight entity for any component unit. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Commission uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2009

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The General Fund is accounted for using a *current financial resources measurement focus*. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the General Fund. The General Fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures.

REVENUES

Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures are recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available.

F. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

G. BUDGETS

In accordance with Louisiana R. S. 39:1302, the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission is a political subdivision within the meaning of the Louisiana Government Budget Act. However, since the total proposed expenditures for the fiscal year are below \$250,000, the Commission is not subject to the public participation laws with respect to the adoption of its annual operating budget. The Commission formally adopted its budget for the June 30, 2009 fiscal year by resolution at its October 8, 2008 meeting.

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2009

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. TOTAL COLUMN ON COMBINED STATEMENTS

The total column on the combined statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 - CASH

At year-end, June 30, 2009, cash consisted of deposits with banks, with a book value of \$20,748 deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balance) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At June 30, 2009 the district had \$37,551 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance

NOTE 3 - FIXED ASSETS

The changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance July 1, 2008	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2009
Machinery & equipment	<u>\$ 6,067</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 6,067</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 6,067</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 6,067</u>

NOTE 4 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING

Intergovernmental Revenues for the June 30, 2009 year end consists of the following:

State of Louisiana:

Dept of Transportation and Development	\$47,500
Act 19 Appropriation	<u>47,500</u>
	<u>\$95,000</u>

ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY COMMISSION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
June 30, 2009

NOTE 4 – CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS

On July 1, 1999, the Commission entered into a contract for legal services with Ellis C. Magee, Attorney at Law. The contract may be terminated by either party with a thirty-day notice. The contract provides a billing rate of \$50 per hour plus reasonable and necessary out of pocket costs; however the total of all sums paid will not exceed \$15,000 per fiscal year. On June 15, 2005, the contract was renewed to June 30, 2009 with the same terms. On September 13, 2006, the contract was amended effective July 1, 2006, to pay Mr. Magee a monthly fee of \$1,300 for services rendered, not to be less than 20 hours per month. This contract was extended to June 30, 2011, effective on July 1, 2008.

On October 1 2005, the Commission entered into an agreement for consulting services with Neil Wagner, PE, for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2008. The contract provides for compensation to be paid monthly for services rendered, up to a maximum of \$500 per month. Either party may terminate the contract with a 30 day cancellation clause for both parties. Compensation is set at \$75 per hour, with an annual maximum of \$15,000. On September 30, 2006, the contract was amended, effective July 1, 2006, to pay Mr. Wagoner a monthly fee of \$600. This contract was extended to June 30, 2011, effective on October 1, 2008.

On July 1, 2007, a 3 year contract with the Zachary Taylor Parkway Association was entered into to provide specified administrative, management, and public information services on behalf of the Commission, for a fee of \$4,700 per quarter, plus certain expenses. This contract expires on June 30, 2011. The contact may be terminated by either party by giving notice of cancellation at least 30 days prior to the end of any calendar month.

On July 1, 2008, the Commission entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana in the amount of \$47,500 for the purpose of promoting the development and improvement of the Zachary Taylor Parkway in an effort to encourage economic development and tourism in the eight parishes served by the Commission. The funding was received and expended during the current fiscal year.